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Amendments To The Claims:

Claim 1. (**Currently Amended**): A method for packing containers, in particular bottles, in transport boxes having base flaps, comprising the steps of

- releasably fastening flat-lying multi-piece packagings (1) having at least partly automatic bases (12) to the inside of flat-lying transport boxes (60), the multi-piece packaging additionally having end-face side walls, transverse webs, and at least one longitudinal web,
- setting up the transport boxes (60) and the multi-piece packagings (1) contained therein by folding their the multi-piece packagings end-face side walls (15, 17) and their the multi-piece packagings transverse webs (33 to 36) from a longitudinal web (24, 25) and moving their longitudinal side walls (10, 11) out of contact with the longitudinal web (24, 25) whilst forming receivers open at the top, thereby automatically closing at least partly the bases (12) of the multi-piece packagings (1) and of the transport box (60) by folding the base flaps of the multi-piece packagings and transport box together along fold lines, and then pressing together a middle fold line (74, 75), and thereby folding open the base flaps (66,67) which are hinged on oppositely lying side walls (10,11) of the packagings and transport boxes and which are folded together,

- inserting containers (80) through openings (81) of the set-up transport boxes (60) into receivers of the multi-piece packagings (1) and

- closing the openings (81) of the transport boxes (60).

Claim 2. (**Original**): A method according to claim 1, in which the multi-piece packagings (1) on the inside are fastened onto flat, opened-out blanks (60) of the transport box, the transport boxes are closed into flat-lying envelopes (60), the envelopes (60) are set up and the containers (80) are inserted through openings (81) of the set-up envelopes (60).

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Claim 3. (Previously presented): A method according to claim 2, in which the transport boxes (60) include lateral walls (61 to 64) hinged to one another and which are folded about middle fold lines (74, 75) of two end-face side walls (62, 64) into flat-lying envelopes (60).

Claims 4-6. (Cancelled)

Claim 7. (Previously presented): A method according to claim 1, in which the flat-lying transport boxes (60) with the multi-piece packagings (1) or compartment units (90) fastened thereto are stacked and individual transport boxes (60) with the multi-piece packagings (1) or compartment units (90) for setting up are withdrawn from the stack.

Claim 8. (Previously presented): A method according to claim 1, in which the multi-piece packagings (1', 1'') are releasably fastened by fastenings (50 to 53) in the closed transport boxes (60) such that by insertion of the containers (80) into openings (81) the fastenings (50 to 53) are released and the multi-piece packagings (1', 1'') moved downward in the transport boxes.

Claim 9. (Previously presented): A method according to claim 1, in which the multi-piece packagings (1', 1'') are releasably fastened on lid flaps (68, 69) for closing the openings (81) of the transport boxes (60).

Claim 10. (Previously presented): A method according to claim 1, in which the multi-piece packagings (1', 1'') are fastened to the transport boxes (60) at the upper edges thereof by way of separable cardboard tabs (50 to 53).

Claim 11. (Previously presented): A method according to claim 1, further including the step of providing the multi-piece packagings (1'') with perforated wall sections (58, 59) which can be torn off and which are releasably fastened on the transport boxes (60).

Claim 12. (Previously presented): A method according to claim 11, in which the multi-piece packagings (1''), on wall sections (58, 59) of their base walls (12), these wall sections able to be

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torn off, are releasably fastened on base flaps (66, 67) of the transport boxes (60), wherein the wall sections (58, 59) are preferably arranged on middle axes (13) of the base walls (12).

Claim 13. (Previously presented): A method according to claim 1, in which the multi-piece packagings (1) are fastened on the transport boxes (60) by an adhesive.

Claim 14. (Previously presented): A method according to claim 1, in which walls (61 to 64) of the transport boxes (60) on setting up exert forces on inner bearing walls (11, 15, 17) of the multi-piece packagings (1) or end regions (97) of the compartment unit (90) by which means the multi-piece packagings are set up.

Claims 15-17. (Canceled):

Claim 18. (Previously presented): A method according to claim 1, in which base flaps are closed after setting up the transport box (60).

Claim 19. (Previously presented): A method according to claim 1, in which lid flaps are closed after inserting the containers (80) into the transport boxes (60).

Claim 20. (Cancelled):

Claim 21. (Cancelled):